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# EXHIBITION DAHLIAS

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OUR EXHIBIT AT A. D. S. SHOW AT MUSEUM NATURAL HISTORY, N. Y. SEPT. 20th, 1941

## RUSCHMOHR DAHLIA GARDENS

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INTRODUCERS OF

"CERTIFICATE OF MERIT" and "HONOR ROLL DAHLIAS"



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# Greetings

Dear Fellow Dahlia Growers:

As we prepare this catalog, the season of winter has been ushered in. Nevertheless, we are thinking of your dahlia garden of 1942. We realize that most of you who receive this catalog are good dahlia growers, some of whom have been kind enough to favor us with some of their business for many years. Others may be just beginners and we are pleased to welcome them to world's finest hobby "DAHLIAS". Our facilities and experience are at their disposal and we shall be only too pleased to assist them in solving any horticultural problems they may have in the growing of dahlias.

In spite of the drought we experienced during the late summer, our dahlia root crop was a good one. We have continued our practice of only digging roots of healthy plants and discarding those that prove otherwise. The picture of our exhibit at The American Dahlia Society Show held in the Museum of Natural History in New York last September is a confirmation of this.

We suggest you order early for we anticipate a shortage of a number of varieties. We have not advanced the price of our roots, plants or seed, in spite of the increased cost of production. Even our new introductions which we consider about the best we have ever introduced, we are placing on the market at the same price level as our previous introductions.

It is our earnest wish that you have a most glorious dahlia garden in 1942.

Cordially yours,  
Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens.  
H. Dewey Mohr.  
Robert D. Mohr.



PRESENTING THE A. D. S.  
AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVEMENT  
MEDAL WINNER



Photo by Zerrenner

A typical plant of Dahlia Mollie B, showing  
how the flower is carried on strong stem.

**MOLLIE B.** (Briggs). Informal decorative. A seedling produced from Stephenson's Seed. Large tyrian pink, with flush of amaranth pink. Averaging 12 inches by 6 inches deep. Good strong stems which hold the bloom at proper angle.

Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at the New York Show. Also awarded A. D. S. Gold certificate for best informal decorative seedling. Best informal decorative seedling in Rockville Centre, N. Y. Included in the Eastern and Pacific Coast selection of the Flower Grower Honor Roll, and J. W. Johnston's 1942 Dahlia Futurity in House Beautiful.

Roots \$15.

Plants \$5.

3 Plants for \$12.50





IVORY PRINCESS

**IVORY PRINCESS** (Hawkins). Semi-cactus. Another seedling from that great Dahlia State of originations of West Virginia. This is one of the largest Dahlias we have ever introduced. We have seen 14½ inch blooms of this Dahlia. The color is new for Dahlias. A beautiful shade of **IVORY**. Long, **STIFF STEMS**. Bush grows about 6 feet. The runner up in the American Home Achievement Medal Class in New York as well as New Jersey State Show in Kearney, N. J. Gold certificate award in the A. D. S. Show in New York as best semi-cactus seedling. Also best semi-cactus seedling in Camden, N. J., Show. Included in the 3 selections of the Flower Grower Honor Roll, Eastern, Mid West and Pacific Coast.

**Roots \$15.**

**Plants \$5.**

**3 Plants for \$12.50**





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### SOMETHING NEW IN A MINIATURE

**SUSAN R.** (Rev. Moyer) Blended. Semi-cactus miniature in the blend class of salmon, pink and tan, averaging 3 inches, blooming from August until frost. Bush grows about 3 feet tall. Winner in the open to all class for miniatures in the New York Show, also Rockville Centre, N. Y. Listed in eastern selection of Flower Grower Honor Roll and Mr. J. W. Johnston Dahlia 1942 Futurity in House Beautiful.

Roots \$3.

Plants \$1.

3 for \$2.50



Mr. L. R. Briggs, originator of Mollie B.—Raised this Dahlia  
in 1939 from 100 mixed seed of  
The Stephenson Dahlia Gardens.

### CHOICE DAHLIA SEED

We are the Eastern Representatives of the Stephenson Dahlia Gardens of Santa Monica, Cal., handling their originations as well as their seed which is considered the finest dahlia seed in California, grown from the largest planting of Honor Roll, Certificate of Merit and large type Exhibition Dahlias in Southern California. The garden is so planned and planted to get the best possible crosses and all seeds are ripened on the plant. No small type dahlias are permitted to bloom in the garden during seed time. In addition to the above introduction some of the leading recent introductions have been produced by this seed, in which include the highest scoring Dahlia in the A. D. S. Trial Ground in Storrs, in 1941. As it has been our practice in previous years to issue a variety seed list, we are not doing so this year as the seed crop is somewhat short this year. Therefore, we suggest that you order early in order to avoid any disappointments. The prices of the seed is as follows:

20 seed for \$1.00    50 seed for \$2.50    100 seed for \$5.00    1000 seed for \$40



## *1942 Introductions of Other Growers*

**ADELLE HENDERSON** (Rindfleisch-Parrella) F. D. Citron yellow with stromtian yellow at center with a light flush deep old rose. One of the finest commercial type dahlias since Jane Cowl. Blooms on long stiff stems from August until frost. Received a Certificate of Merit at Storrs in 1941. Included in Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

**Roots \$10.00 Plants \$3.50**

**CHAUTAUQUA GIANT** (Chautauqua) F. D. Yellow orange. Size 10 inches. Good stems and good foliage. Bush height is about 4 feet. Included in Mr. Louis Robert's Mid west Honor Roll of The Flower Grower.

**Roots \$10.00 net Plants \$5.00**

**CLARA E. PETH** (Peth) S. C. Beautiful pink with white center. Size blooms 9 to 10 inches. Tall grower and very good foliage. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal in Rockville Centre, N. Y. Show. Winner as best semi-cactus seedling in Rockville Centre, N. Y. Show.

**Roots \$10.00 Plants \$3.50**

**COLUMBIA** (Morgan) S. C. Beautiful blend of deep gold and peach pink with the petals having a sparkling sheen. Blooms reported to be in excess of 12 inches. Bushes 5½ ft. tall. Foliage dark and insect resistant. Awarded American Home Achievement Medals at Cleveland and East Liverpool, Ohio. Also largest and most perfect blooms in both the above shows. Included in Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

**Plants \$5. net**

**DIXIE'S MASTERPIECE** (Dixie) I. D. Crimson blooms averaging 12" x 8" on 6-foot bush. Excellent stems. Certificate of Merit at Storrs in 1941. Included in Mr. Louis Robert's Mid west Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

**Plants \$5.**

**DOROTHY MAE HERTEL** (Hertel) F. D. Deep shell pink on golden yellow base. Blooms 7½ to 10 inches diameter 4½ to 7 inches deep. Healthy foliage. Long stiff stems. Highest scoring dahlia in East Lansing in 1939. One of the D. W. Hart Gold Medal winners as the highest average score in 3 A. D. S. Trial Grounds.

**Roots \$5. net Plants \$1.**

**GOLD COMMISSIONER** (Schutte-Golden Rule) F. D. Bright clear gold with no trace of any color. Size 13 x 6 inches. Bush 6 ft. Long stems 15 inches to the first pair of leaves. Bushes massive with heavy foliage. Runner up and honorable mention in seedling class at Indianapolis, Ind.

**Plants \$3.50**

**JOSEPH B. LANKTREE** (Ballay) I. D. Color turkey red. Has been grown to 14 inches. Winner of the Achievement Medal at Alameda in 1940. Included in Col. Richard T. Eddy's Pacific Coast Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

**Plants \$5.**

**MRS. THOS. A. EDISON** (Chautauqua) I. D. Violet red reverse shaded silver. Petals curling somewhat with high center. Size 11 inches by 8 deep. Received Certificate of Merit at East Lansing in 1941. Included on Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll and Col. Richard T. Eddy's Pacific Coast Honor Roll of The Flower Grower.

**Roots \$15. net Plants \$7.50**

**ORANGE PRINCESS** (Geneva) R. C. Red orange center shading to a light tone of true orange at tips of petals. Size  $7\frac{1}{2}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep. Good cutting variety. Included Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

Plants \$3.50

**SEASON'S BEST** (Schutte-Golden Rule) S. C. Beautiful clear peach pink. Very artistic and an improvement over others in this color class. Bloom 12" by 6". Bush  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft. Winner of The American Home Achievement Medal in Indianapolis. Seedling of Robt. Ripley. Blooms keep well and will open full in water from a bud showing color. Stems long and strong with blooms held facing.

Plants \$5.

**STEPHEN FOSTER** (Salem) I. C. Buff orange and tyrian rose. Blooms 12" by 6". Bush 7 ft. American Home Achievement Medal winners in Peekskill, N. Y., New Baltimore, Mich., Milwaukee, Wisc., and Burholme, Pa. Included in the 3 selections of The Flower Grower Honor Roll, Eastern, Mid-Western and Pacific Coast.

Plants \$10.

**TOP FLIGHT** (Dozier) S. C. Bright blood red of perfect formation. Blooms 11". Long strong stems. Vigorous grower. American Home Achievement Medal winner at Boston, Wilmington and Richmond and runner up at Baltimore. Included in the 3 selections of The Flower Grower Honor Roll, Eastern, Mid Western and Pacific Coast.

Plants \$5. net

**TOPS** (Dozier) I. D. Beautiful clear rich yellow of crisp formation on strong stems. Blooms  $11\frac{1}{2}$  to 12" x 7". American Home Achievement Medal at Chicago. Gold Certificate of Merit at Washington. Medal winner as one, two and three year old seedling. Included in the 3 selections of The Flower Grower Honor Roll, Eastern, Mid Western and Pacific Coast.

Plants \$5. net

**WHIRLAWAY** (Pittman-Dahliadel) I. D. Color between soft and sulphur yellow, with beautiful glossy dark green foliage resembling holly. Blooms 11" x 6". Good vitality bush growth and fine stems.

Roots \$10. Plants \$3.50

**WINTER MORN** (Dahliadel) I. C. New white sport of Frau Ida Mansfield  $7\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 with the same good qualities of its parent and plenty of vitality. Good keeping qualities. Won first in seedling class in Washington, D. C. Included in Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

Roots \$7.50 Plants \$2.50



## MINIATURES and POM PONS

**GENEVA CRYSTAL WHITE** (Geneva) M. R. C. Miniature cactus of pure white of Ballego Surprise formation. 3 to 4 inches. Long stems, and a profuse bloomer from early to late. Included in Col. Richard T. Eddy's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

Plants \$2.

**LITTLE SUSAN** (Frey-Dahliadel) M. F. D. Soft tyrian rose, shaded lighter pink. Holds form from early season to frost. Size 2 to 2½ inches. Long stems. Bush 3 ft. Received Certificate of Merit in Storrs in 1940. Included on Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

Roots \$3. Plants \$1.

**PINK DUCHESS** (Allen-Waaser) Pom. Exceptionally fine quilled small pom with a perfectly beautiful center. Delicate pink at the center color deepening toward stems. Won first in pom seedling class in N. Y. Show. Size 1 to 1½ inches. Included in Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll of The Flower Grower.

Plants 2 for \$2.

**WHITE FAWN** (Dixie) M. F. D. Waxy white. 3" bloom. Excellent substance with texture similar to that of a straw flower. Abundant bloomer. Received Certificate of Merit at Storrs and Ohio Valley Trial Ground. Included on the 3 selections of The Flower Grower Honor Roll, Eastern, Mid Western and Pacific Coast.

Plants \$1.50

## BALLS and SINGLES

**BACHELOR GIRL** (DAHLIADEL) S. An appealing 5 inch single. Long stiff stems. Good bush habits. Excellent for arrangements. Included in Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

Roots \$3. Plants \$1.

**JERSEY MAID** (DAHLIADEL) S. Bi color single. Only a clear bright lemon on edge of petals. Center white. Size 3 inches. Good keeper. Included in Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

Roots \$3. Plants \$1.

**MARSHALL KERNOCHAN** (Parrella) B. Carmine. Flowering habit prolific. Certificate of Merit Ohio Valley Trial Grounds. First Prize at the N. Y. World's Fair 1940. First at Peekskill 1941. First and special at the A. D. S. Show 1941. Included Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

Plants \$1.50

**MOZART** (DAHLIADEL) B. White sturdy growth. Strong erect stems. Holds good centers until frost. Grows naturally 4½ x 3 inches on bushes about 3½ ft. tall. Certificate of Merit at Fairmont W. Va. 1941. Included on Mr. Lynn Dudley's Honor Roll in The Flower Grower.

Roots \$5.00 Plants \$2.00

## Other Standard Introductions

	Plants	Roots
ALICE MAY (Morgan) I. D. Pure waxy white with beautiful formation .....	\$ .50	\$ 1.50
ALL AMERICAN (Salem) S. C. Old Rose.....	2.50	7.50
ANDRIES SUPERBA (Holland) R. C. Brilliant red.....	.50	1.00
BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (Ballego) S. C. Pure white.....	.50	.75
BARBARA HUTTON (Stephenson) S. C. White with pink blush .....	1.50	5.00
CARPE DIUM (Lamson-Peck) S. C. Lavender mauve.....	1.50	5.00
CONFUCIOUS (Ballay) S. C. Large Chinese red .....	3.50	10.00
CROWNING GLORY (Salem) I. C. Rose pink with cream center .....	3.50	10.00
DEEP PURPLE (Stephenson-Ruschmohr) Deep magenta purple .....	1.50	4.00
DEMOLAY (Dahliadel) F. D. Velvety crimson red.....	1.50	5.00
DIR. CARL G. DAHL (Scott) I. D. Very large blend of old rose and apricot .....	.50	.75
DOROTHY LAMOUR (Ballay) R. C. True orange.....	2.50	7.50
DR. MARSHALL A. HOWE (Parrella) F. D. Magenta.....	.75	2.00
EDITH WILKIE (Tooker) S. C. Large pure white.....net	5.00	10.00
EL RUBIO (Redfern) I. D. Large red .....	.75	2.00
EVELYN CHANDLER (Ballay) S. C. Golden Apricot.....	1.00	3.00
FIGARO (France) S. C. Deep golden yellow, heavily splashed and striped red .....	.75	2.00
FLASH (Salem) I. C. Red and white bi-color.....	1.00	3.00
GINGER ROGERS (Burks-Ruschmohr) I. D. Citron yellow with fine formation .....	2.50	7.50
GLAMOUR (Salem) I. D. Purple veined violet.....	.75	2.00
HILLSIDE BEAUTY (Bissel) I. C. Apricot buff, with mellow purple reverse .....	1.50	4.00
HILLSIDE JOY (Bissel) S. C. Apricot color, shading to a solid gold center .....	1.50	4.00
JEAN PATURET (France) R. C. Brilliant yellow.....	.50	.50
JENETTE (Tylman-Asmann) F. D. Large bi-color of velvety deep purple and white.....	3.50	7.00
JULIUS BUNGE (Carlee-Mad River) S. C. Intense pure pink .....	.50	1.00
KATTIE K. (Lakeside) I. D. Lavender Pink.....	.50	1.00
KENSINGTON GLEAM (Mad River) F. D. Red with splashes of yellow .....	2.50	7.50
KING COLE (Ballay) I. D. Very dark maroon red.....	1.50	5.00
LINK'S WHITE MAJESTY (Link-Swezey) I. D. Large white .....	3.00	7.50
LOIS WALCHER (Walcher) F. D. Bi-color purple and white .....	.75	1.50
LORD OF AUTUMN (Almy) I. D. Lemon yellow .....	.50	.75
LOWELL THOMAS (Greubel) I. D. Misty rose pink.....	2.00	5.00
MADAME JUSSANT (France) I. C. Lavender.....	.50	.75
MAFFIE (Johnson) S. C. Very large intense red.....	1.50	4.00
MARION SMITH (Geer) F. D. Large pink.....	2.50	7.50
MARY LYNN DUDLEY (Dudley-Ruschmohr) S. C. True carmine .....	1.50	5.00
MARY TAYLOR (Taylor) I. C. Grenadine pink with lemon yellow center .....	.75	2.00
MILTON J. CROSS (Johnson) I. D. Yellow suffused rose..	.50	.50
MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER (Smith-Ruschmohr) I. D. Large red .....	.50	.50
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE (Reed) I. D. Large red.....	.50	.75
NANCY ANN MITCHELL (Mitchell-Ruschmohr) I. C. Vivid scarlet. Profuse bloomer .....	1.00	3.00
NANCY JEAN (Australia) I. D. Yellow .....	.50	1.00
NOEL MARVIN (Gelsdorf-Mad River) I. D. Pleasing buff shade with peach reverse .....	2.50	7.50
PURPLE MIST (Emmons-Ruschmohr) F. D. Purple .....	.50	.75



	Plants	Roots
PYGMALION (Holland) S. C. Bronzy Red .....	1.50	
RITA BETTY (Australia) Bronze .....	.75	2.00
RITA WELLS (Straight-Wells-Ruschmohr) I. D. Large grenadine pink and buff .....	1.00	2.00
ROBERTA (Mad River) F. D. Watermelon pink.....	2.50	7.50
RUTH NICHOLS (Sowton-Mad River) F. D. Amaranth pink with tinge of phlox purple .....	2.50	7.50
SAARLEM'S HEIMKEHR R. C. Blend pink and yellow...	.50	.50
SAN FRANCISCO (Ballay) I. D. Shrimp pink.....	.50	1.50
SILVER LADY (Bissel) I. D. Blended white and lavender..	.75	2.00
STRAIGHT'S WHITE (Straight-Wells-Ruschmohr) S. C. Pure white .....	.75	2.00
SUNRAYS (Straight-Wells-Ruschmohr) Orange red suffused peach .....	.50	1.50
SNOWCREST (Dahliadel) I. C. Medium sized pure white..	1.50	4.00
THE GOVERNOR (Dahliadel) F. D. Clear sulphur yellow..	.75	2.00
THE REAL GLORY (Stephenson) F. D. Pure white with excellent keeping qualities .....	1.00	3.00
VICTORY (Northbrook-Ruschmohr) F. D. Rose pink suf- fused with gold .....	1.00	3.00
VIRGINIA RUTE (Chappaqua) S. C. Ox-blood red .....	.75	2.00
VOLCANO (Richardson) F. D. Orange flame red.....	.50	1.00
WATCHUNG GIANT (Smith) I. D. Orange and amber yellow	.50	.75
WINDSOR COLONEL (Mitchell) I. D. Vivid orange.....	.75	2.00
YELLOW COMET (Derse-Ruschmohr) I. C. Sulphur yellow	1.50	5.00
YELLOW GIANT (Holland) I. C. Sulphur yellow.....	.75	2.00
YELLOW GLORY (Frey-Dahliadel) S. C. Clear sulphur yellow .....	1.00	3.00

## POM PONS

ATOM. Fiery red .....		.25
BETTY MALONE. White with each petal tipped purple....	.50	1.00
BRASS BUTTON. Clear yellow .....	.75	2.00
CANARY. Yellow .....		.35
CLOVER. White with faint tint of pink .....	.75	2.00
CREAM GEM. Ivory white .....	.75	
DORIA. Fine exhibition dark red .....		.35
EBONY. Dark black maroon .....	.75	2.00
EILEEN. Lavender and white bi-color .....	.50	.75
HILDESPUPPE. Strawberry red .....		.35
HONEY. Yellow suffused pink .....		.25
JOYCE GIBBS. Dainty mauve pink .....	.75	2.00
LESLIE. Deep mauve silvery reverse .....	.75	2.00
LITTLE EDITH. Primrose tipped yellow .....		.25
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD. Red .....		.25
MELROSE BABY. Deep cherry red .....	.50	.75
MISS MARJORIE. Mulberry to pansy purple .....	.50	1.50
MRS. FRENCH. Shell pink .....	.75	2.00
MRS. J. TELFER. Pure white .....	.50	.50
MRS. V. BRITTAIN. Pink .....	.50	.50
REGENT. Purple .....	.75	2.00
REGINALD. Burgundy red .....		.35
REGULUS. Purple violet .....	.50	.75
SHERRY. Violet purple .....		.35

## MINIATURES

ANDREAS ORANGE. M. S. C. Bright orange .....	.50	.50
BABY ROYAL. M. S. C. Salmon apricot shade .....		.25
BETSY T. M. S. C. Pale rosaline purple .....	1.00	2.00
BISHOP OF LANDAFF. M. P. Scarlet with bronze foliage..		.35
DOROTHY BRANT MILLER. M. F. D. Shell pink.....		.35

	Plants	Roots
DRUIDSVILLE. M. S. D. Perfect white .....	.75	2.00
DUBONNET. M. S. C. Ox-blood red .....		.50
ELVIRA. M. I. D. Bright yellow .....	.75	2.00
GLORIOUS. M. I. D. Raspberry red .....		.35
GOLDEN NUGGET. M. F. D. Gold .....	.50	.75
LITTLE BLUE STAR. M. I. D. Lavender shading toward blue .....	.75	2.00
LITTLE DIAMOND. M. S. C. Lavender rose and yellow....	.50	1.50
LITTLE NEMO. M. F. D. Red and white bi-color.....	.50	.50
McKAY'S PURITY. M. F. D. White .....		.35
MOLLIE. M. F. D. Pink and yellow.....	.75	2.00
MURIEL JOYCE. M. S. C. Rose red on gold ground cream reverse .....	1.00	3.00
ORCHID LADY. M. I. D. Orchid.....		.35
PEGGY LINDLEY. M. F. D. Gold .....	1.00	3.00
PETIT PRINCE. M. S. C. Crimson .....	.50	1.00
PETIT SONNE. M. S. C. Yellow and rose.....	.50	.50
PINK LASSIE. M. P. Soft rose pink .....	.50	.75
PURP. M. F. D. Soft pure purple .....	.50	1.00
RED ROBIN. M. F. D. Scarlet red .....	.50	1.00
RICKEY. M. F. D. Red and white bi-color.....	1.00	2.50
ROYALETTE. M. I. D. Royal purple .....	.50	.75
SARAH. M. S. C. Soft pink with gold reverse.....	.75	2.00
SNOWSPRITE. M. S. C. White .....	.50	.50
TIP. M. S. C. Sulphur yellow .....	.50	1.00
TOWNLEY ORANGE. M. I. D. Deep orange .....	.50	1.50

## BALL, COLLARETTES, ORCHID and SINGLES

ALICE. J. B. Amaranth pink, shaded white .....	.75	2.00
BRICK. C. Brick red .....	.50	.50
CHANCELOT. S. Light scarlet .....	.50	.50
FUGI SAN. S. Bronze .....	.50	.50
IMP. O. Clear yellow .....	.75	2.00
KENTUCKY SNOWBALL. B. White .....	.50	.50
LADY BOUNTIFUL. S. Pink .....	.50	.50
LA GOLDRINA. C. Pink with pink white collar.....	.50	.75
LA VENDER DELIGHT. B. Lavender .....	.75	2.00
LITTLE OTHELLO. S. Dark Maroon with bronze foliage..	.50	.50
MARSHALL'S GLORY. S. Red and white bi-color.....	.50	1.00
PRAXTELLA. S. Dark red .....	.50	.50
PRINCE OF BULGARIA. S. Red and white bi-color.....	.50	.50
PINK PREAKNESS. C. Pink and white collar.....	.50	1.00
PREAKNESS. C. White with white collar.....	.50	.50
PURITY. S. Pure white .....	.50	.50
PYRO. C. Buff with red collar .....	.50	1.50
SATURN. C. Clear yellow with yellow collar.....	.75	2.00
TWINKLE. O. Blended white and rose.....		.35



## *Special Dahlia Collections*

We are also offering at this time collections made up of the leading exhibition varieties mentioned in this catalog. The value received is more than triple the catalog value. We guarantee that all the dahlias in these collections are correctly labeled and the stock is true and healthy. Moreover, if you are not satisfied with the selection of the dahlias in the following collections, we shall be pleased to refund your money, upon the return of the stock. We shall send any of the following prepaid:

**COLLECTION No. 1**—Six named high class large type exhibition dahlia roots for \$3.00.

**COLLECTION No. 2**—Eight roots named of recent Honor Roll or Certificate of Merit large type exhibition dahlias, not one of which is over three years old for \$10.00. Should you desire plants of this collection, the price will be \$3.00.

**COLLECTION No. 3**—Eight roots named of new Honor Roll and Certificate of Merit Dahlias, large type exhibition dahlias, not over two years old for \$15. Should you desire plants of this collection, the price will be \$5.00.

**COLLECTION No. 4**—Six named high class exhibition pom pon dahlia roots for \$1.00.

**COLLECTION No. 5**—Six named high class exhibition miniature dahlia roots for \$1.00.

**COLLECTION No. 6**—Six named high class dahlias, collection to include roots of pom pons, miniatures, mignons, collar-ettes, orchids and singles. You may have one of each type or if you prefer any particular type we shall be pleased to let you have them.

# TERMS

Remittances must accompany all orders.

We prepay postage or express charges on all retail orders in excess of \$3.

Wholesale orders will be shipped express collect.

We never make substitutions unless authorized.

Our plants are full grown and raised and shipped in three-inch pots.

**ROOTED CUTTINGS:** It is not our policy to recommend the purchase of rooted cuttings by any other than experienced commercial growers of dahlia plants. We will furnish well rooted cuttings on those varieties wherein we list plants of \$2.50 and over. Prices are one third less than the list price of plants.

**CLUMPS:** We can supply clumps on the varieties where we list the price of roots, for Fall delivery or in time for propagation.

We guarantee all our stock to be healthy and true to name and will be responsible to the extent of replacement of stock or refund of the exact amount involved but no further.

Our greenhouse has been certified by the United States Department of Agriculture and is inspected frequently. Every root and plant we ship out of the quarantined area for Japanese Beetle and European Corn Borer is examined by a United States Department of Agriculture Inspector who renders a certificate upon completion of inspection of each individual shipment.

All abbreviations are as follows:

(I.C.)	Incurved Cactus
(R.C.)	Recurved or Straight Cactus
(S.C.)	Semi Cactus
(F.D.)	Formal Decorative
(I.D.)	Informal Decorative
(B.)	Ball
(C.)	Collarette
(O.)	Orchid
(S.)	Single
(M.F.D.)	Miniature Formal Decorative
(M.I.D.)	Miniature Informal Decorative
(M.S.C.)	Miniature Semi Cactus
(M.R.C.)	Miniature Recurved Cactus

## DIRECTIONS FOR THE GROWING AND CULTIVATION OF EXHIBITION DAHLIAS

**Time** — The proper time to plant dahlias for exhibition purposes in this climate is about the tenth of June. Of course, if one is not depending upon the shows, they can be planted as soon as the frost is over. In this climate we advise a succession of planting from May 15 to July 1.

**Preparing Soil** — About one week or ten days before planting, spade your garden and leave it in the rough, then broadcast into soil to every 100 sq. ft. or to approximately ten dahlia hills 5 lbs. raw bonemeal mixed with 2 lbs. of muriate or sulphate potash which should be raked into the soil thoroughly.

**Planting of Roots** — Plant about 6 inches deep, no more, laying root flat on its side with eye facing upward. Fill hole only halfway to top and as sprout grows gradually fill in.

**Planting of Green Plants** — As plants are received, remove cartons and leave in pot. Soak them in shallow water for a few minutes in order to freshen plant after its journey through the mail. Set out plants in late afternoon or on a cloudy day, removing pot from plant. Make sure that plant is planted deep enough and if the following day should be hot and sunny, suggest shading plant with a peach basket during the heat of the day. Fill hole gradually with dirt as plant grows.

**Stakes** to which the plants are to be tied should be inserted at the time of planting; this also applies to roots.

**Cultivation** — Keep soil well pulverized and suggest cultivation about 24 hours after rainfall, in order to keep the soil from becoming baked. This is very important and should there be lack of rain, suggest weekly cultivations. Discontinue all cultivating after August 15, as roots have a tendency to come to top and will be disturbed by continuous cultivating.

**Watering** — Unless weather is very dry, dahlias will need no water until they commence to bloom. Then water thoroughly, soak the ground every week or ten days as needed.

**Insects** — Can usually be controlled by spraying weekly with a good insecticide. Even though plants appear to be clean and healthy, a weekly spray will act as a preventive. When you find a flower is being eaten or a stem drooping, make a search and you will be sure to find the troublesome pest, and kill it.

**Disbudding and Disbranching** — To get large flowers on long stems it is very necessary to disbud and disbranch.



When plants come up leave only one stalk. After three sets of leaves appear, pinch out the crown or center. In a short time a top pair of laterals will make themselves evident which eventually will be a branch of the dahlia bush. When the buds appear, leave only one of the three buds that usually come in a cluster, pinching out the side two. New branches will appear in the form of laterals between the leaves and the stalk. These should also be pinched out and it is well to pinch out all laterals below the remaining bud except the two nearest the main stalk. This will keep your plant low and bushy and you will have many flowers on long stems from branches below which will develop rapidly.

**Fertilization** — About the 15th of July give each dahlia a handful of potatoe fertilizer (4-8-8). Repeat this same application about Aug. 5. Again repeat this same application when the buds appear about Aug. 20. No further fertilizing is required after this.

**Cut Flowers** — Dahlias should be cut in the early morning or in the evening after sundown. After flowers are cut dip stems into hot water (about boiling) for one or two minutes. Then place in deep cold water in a cellar for a few hours to freshen. Flowers then may be ready to ship by packing in strong corrugated boxes, laid out in florists tissue paper. It might be well to fold up newspapers to act as a pillow for the large blooms to rest on in order to avoid bruising.

**Storage** — After the black frost has killed the dahlias, cut the tops at the ground and dig them carefully with a good fork, being careful not to strain the necks or the roots. Cut stalk within 2 inches of crown and allow clumps to dry out in the sun three or four hours before placing into barrels or boxes. Suggest that clumps be placed in inverted position while drying, in order that water in stems will drain out. It is well to allow soil to cling to clumps to prevent root necks from breaking and excessive drying of tubers. A good potato cellar is very desirable as a storage bin for dahlias. If this is not available, keep them as far as possible from the heater and in a space where the temperature will not go below 40 degrees nor above 55 degrees.

**Preparing Soil for Next Year** — After roots have been dug spade the garden and plant winter rye. If your soil has a tendency to be acid would broadcast lime stone over it. The spreading of cow manure over the winter rye will also be very beneficial. Turn rye over just before it goes into stalk which in this climate is usually about the first week in May.

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